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CERTIFIED DAHLIAS



By

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RUMSON, N. J.

Certified Dahlias

INTRODUCTION.

In this, my Annual Catalog, I wish to thank my many customers and friends, for their many kind letters of appreciation, both for the varieties of Dahlias I have introduced, and for the many kind words they have expressed about my little book on the culture of the Dahlia recently published.

My list of varieties is not so large as many others, but it embraces what I consider to be some of the best varieties that we have today.

I discard many varieties each year, no matter how expensive they may be. If I do not consider them worthy, I do not try to pass them on to my customers.

I grow many more varieties than those I have listed, as I am only listing those that I have a sufficient stock of to warrant this.

All of my own introductions have been certified by The American Dahlia Society, and I have made it a rule not to introduce any variety that fails to win a certificate.

I have again been fortunate the past year in having many of my new varieties gain awards at the official trial garden.

My business has been increasing so rapidly that I have found it necessary to have more room, so I have recently acquired a tract of land which will be known as "Waite's Gardens."

This garden is located at Eatontown, N. J., right in the heart of the best farm land of the far famed Monmouth County and here in season will be found growing the best in DAHLIAS, IRIS, GLADIOLUS, DELPHINIUMS and other hardy plants.

Visitors always welcome, where every courtesy will be shown.

Thanking you for past favors and assuring you that I will take every care of your future orders, no matter how small.

My postoffice address for the time being will be the same as formerly,

W. H. WAITE,
Rumson,
N. J.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Order Early.

Stock of some of the varieties is limited, so to avoid disappointment please order early. All orders will be filled strictly in rotation. Stock will be reserved as the orders are received and shipped at the time desired.

Tubers.

All orders for tubers will be filled with strong divisions of field-grown tubers. We do not as yet carry any pot tubers.

Guarantee.

Whilst we exercise every care in the filling of orders for tubers and only send out what we honestly think will grow, we will not guarantee any tuber to grow that is shipped before March 15th. After that date every tuber will be guaranteed and will be replaced free of charge if they should prove blind.

Terms.

To keep down office expenses I have no charge accounts, and will allow a discount of 4% when cash accompanies the order. All other orders sent C. O. D.

Postage.

All retail orders amounting to \$1.00 or over will be delivered prepaid, on orders for less than \$1.00 25 cents should be added to cover postage. Wholesale orders, packing charges and postage at cost.

Green Plants.

I have made a specialty of green plants for several years, know how to grow them, and how to pack them, and will guarantee safe delivery to any destination within three days' journey from here.

Should they not arrive in good condition I will either replace them or cheerfully refund the money.

Time For Plants.

I will ship plants any time desired after May 15th, but recommend from May 20th to June 20th as being the best.

REFERENCES

Red Bank, N. J., Trust Co. and Broad Street National Bank, Red Bank, N. J.

Life member Society of American Florists.

Life member American Dahlia Society.

Life member New Jersey Dahlia Society.

Member California Dahlia Society.

Member New England Dahlia Society.

Member American Gladiolus Society.

Member National Association of Gardeners.

Member New York Horticultural Society.

W. H. Waite's Introductions for 1926

JERSEY'S CAPRICE. Dec. One of the autumn shades that is hard to describe; flowers large and of good form and substance, stems rigid, holding the blooms erect. Splendid exhibition, and also a good cut flower variety.

Tubers, \$10.00. Plants, \$5.00.

JERSEY'S DELIGHT. Hy. Cactus. The color of this variety is a beautiful old rose pink; flowers are medium in size, and borne on good stems.

Tubers, \$10.00. Plants, \$5.00.

JERSEY'S EMPRESS. Dec. Anthracene violet in color; the flowers, which are large, have a very pleasing formation, having narrow and wavy petals. The flowers have great depth, and it has also good substance and the color is almost sunproof. The stems of this variety are not just what I like them to be yet they are fair.

Tubers, \$10.00. Plants, \$5.00.

JERSEY'S IDEAL. Dec. The color of this variety is best described as a lavender pink, although sometimes it is nearer lavender; the flowers are usually borne face up on the stem and the long petals drooping gracefully down, make a very deep and massive flower. It is a vigorous grower, and a very free bloomer, and it has an ideal stem.

The demand for this variety has been so heavy that I can now only offer strong plants at \$5.00.

JERSEY'S SUPREME. Dec. A very pleasing shade of clear Laelia pink; the flowers are of medium size. It is a very free bloomer, and whilst the stems are slender they are stiff.

Tubers, \$10.00. Plants, \$5.00.

W. H. Waite's Previous Introductions

JERSEY'S BEACON. Dec. I have had many favorable comments on this fine red Dahlia introduced by me in a limited way last year.

It won first for me at the last New York show for the best 12 red, and at every other show at which I exhibited it it gained a blue ribbon.

The color is a Chinese scarlet with a paler reverse, giving a two-toned effect. The flowers are very large and globular in form.

Many people have told me that the name is most appropriate, as it is a real Beacon in the garden.

Amongst the prizes it has won for me was the coveted silver medal of the New York Horticultural Society for the best new variety in 1924.

It is a prolific bloomer and vigorous grower and the stems, whilst somewhat fleshy, are stiff enough to hold the large flowers erect. Stock limited.

Tubers, \$10.00. Plants, \$5.00.

JERSEY'S BEAUTY. Dec. For the third year in succession, this beautiful pink decorative Dahlia, was the outstanding feature of the Eastern, and many of the Western, shows.

Since its introduction, it has been grown with the utmost satisfaction in every section of this country and many of the countries of Europe, and I have hundreds of letters from satisfied customers bearing out this statement.

The flowers are produced in abundance, on the finest of stems, and the color is the pink that everyone likes.

As a cut flower it reigns supreme and has brought the highest price that any Dahlia ever brought in the cut flower market.

It is a liberal producer of good sound tubers, nearly every tuber eventually showing an eye.

As the originator of this variety I have naturally the largest stock, consequently all orders will be filled from the very highest quality stock.

Tubers, \$5.00. Plants, \$2.50.

Quantity price on request.



JERSEY'S BEAUTY
The finest pink Dahlia in existence

JERSEY'S EMPEROR. Dec. Dark maroon, flowers of good size, and produced very freely on good stems.

Tubers, \$2.50. Plants, \$1.25.

JERSEY'S GEM. Dec. Lavender pink, large flower, produced on perfect stems. A very free bloomer. Certificated, A. D. S., 1923.

Tubers, \$5.00. Plants, \$2.50.

JERSEY'S JEWEL. Dec. This variety introduced by me in 1923, is still one of the finest of exhibition Dahlias. At the recent show held at Short Hills, N. J., three beautiful blooms of this variety, was the center of attraction, and one of the flowers won the coveted prize for the best bloom in the show against all comers, and the lady who exhibited these splendid blooms had only one plant.

The color is a soft mallow pink, the flowers are large and long petalled yet in no way coarse, like so many of the other big blooms.

The stems are perfect in every way. It is a fair producer of good tubers, and whilst usually somewhat late in starting, there are few blind tubers.

At many of the shows held in the East in the past two seasons this variety has consistently won, for the largest and best bloom.

Tubers, \$5.00. Plants, \$2.50.

JERSEY'S JOY. Dec. Rich, golden yellow; flowers of fine formation, of good size and produced very freely on fine stiff stems.

Tubers, \$3.00. Plants, \$1.50.

JERSEY'S KING. Dec. Begonia rose, large broad petalled flowers on good stems. Certificated A. D. S., 1922.

Tubers, \$2.50. Plants, \$1.25.

JERSEY'S MAMMOTH. Hy. Cactus. Truly a monster; the color is a rich golden mahogany. This variety was introduced by me in a limited way last year, and it won first prize at many of the shows for the largest bloom. I do not have very many flowers go over twelve inches, but many blooms of this variety will reach fourteen inches.

Tubers, \$10.00. Plants, \$5.00.

JERSEY'S MONARCH. Dec. Very large deep flowers, on good stems, color a deep salmon, with yellow at the base of the petals.

Tubers, \$5.00. Plants, \$2.50.

JERSEY'S QUEEN. Dec. Coral pink, flowers medium in size, but splendid in form and produced very freely on fine stems.

Tubers, \$2.50. Plants, \$1.25.

JERSEY'S RADIANT. Hy. Cactus. Bitter sweet orange; large flowers, produced on long stiff brown stems, a very attractive variety and much admired the past season.

Tubers, \$5.00. Plants, \$2.50.

JERSEY'S SOVEREIGN. Dec. A new shade of color and hard to describe, it is a self color, and the nearest I can come to it with the help of Ridgeway's chart is Salmon Orange. A vigorous grower with very dark foliage; flowers of good size and on good stems.

Tubers, \$5.00. Plants, \$2.50.

E. D. ADAMS. Dec. Large flowers of a golden bronze color, the stems are very stiff, holding the large flowers well above the foliage. This variety was shown in splendid shape at many of the shows the past season, and at one of the shows won a silver medal for the best New Jersey variety in stiff competition.

Tubers, \$5.00. Plants, \$2.50.

FRANCIS LOBDELL. Hy. Cactus. This variety is now well known and is a favorite with every one. One of the most profuse bloomers. The color is mal-low pink, shading to white in the center; a very stiff stem, and not a very tall grower.

Tubers, \$2.50. Plants, \$1.25.

VIOLETTA. Hy. Cactus. Petunia violet; this variety is still a favorite and is always much admired. This is the first year that I have been able to get a stock of this variety, as the demand has always exceeded the supply.

Tubers, \$2.50. Plants, \$1.25.

SELECT VARIETIES FROM OTHER SOURCES.

AMBASSADOR (Broomall). Cactus. Soft yellow buff, shaded salmon pink; the best cactus ever introduced.

Tubers, \$3.00. Plants, \$1.50.

CHARLES STRATTON (Stratton). Dec. A splendid exhibition Dahlia, extra large, pale gold shaded and tipped with old rose. Every flower of this variety comes very large, and has consistently won as the largest flower in the show.

Tubers, \$5.00. Plants, \$4.00.

CHAMPAGNE (Bessie Boston. Dec. Chamois with a pink suffusion, very large handsome flower on good stems.

Tubers, \$5.00. Plants, \$2.50.

EASTERN STAR (Dahliadel). Dec. This is a splendid new variety; the flowers are large and deep, of splendid form. The stem is perfect. In color it is a saffron yellow, shaded with old gold. One of the best new ones of the year.

Tubers, \$7.50. Plants, \$4.00.

EL GRANADA (Bessie Boston). Hy. Cactus. This splendid new hybrid cactus is all that the originator claimed for it. The color is entrancing, orange and gold. It is one of the very best.

Plants Only, \$4.00.

ELDORADO (Bessie Boston). Dec. A pure gold, very large and handsome flower, on splendid stems. Best planted after June 10th.

Tubers, \$5.00. Plants, \$2.50.

ELITE GLORY (Kennedy). Dec. This is easily the most sensational Dahlia novelty of the season. The flowers are immense in size and breadth of petal. It is a brilliant glowing red in color. In growth it is entirely distinct from any other variety of Dahlia that I know, the whole plant being gigantic in appearance, yet only of moderate height.

It makes no surplus growth of any kind, but just seems to settle down to the production of several enormous blooms.

I have watched this Dahlia ever since it was a seed-



JERSEY'S JEWEL

ling, and have had the privilege of growing it this year in my test garden, and I can with all confidence state that it is the most distinctive break we have had in the Dahlia in a decade.

As a seed parent alone this new variety is worth the money, as it will introduce an entirely new strain and type of growth.

As a show Dahlia nothing can touch it in its class. It can easily be had thirteen inches and looks like eighteen. Imagine a Dahlia of this size on a stem that could be used for a walking stick, with foliage like leather, brilliant red in color, and you have Elite Glory.

Tubers, \$25.00. Plants, \$10.00.

EMMA MARIE (Dahliadel). Hy. Cactus. This is a splendid new variety, both as a cut flower and exhibition variety; in color it is a fine combination of bright pink and white.

Tubers, \$5.00. Plants, \$2.50.

FAITH GARIBALDI (B. Boston). Dec. Very large silvery pink; splendid grower and attractive. This Californian, introduced last year, bids fair to add more laurels and fame to the Lady in San Mateo, who has done more for high-class Dahlias than any other person I know of. My experience with this variety is that it is best when the cool nights come, so for best results in the East I recommend planting after June 10th.

Plants Only, \$5.00.

INSULINDE (Hornsveld). Dec. Golden orange, still one of the best.

Tubers, \$1.00. Plants, 50c.

ISLAM PATROL (Davis). Hy. Cactus. Dark velvety scarlet, tipped and flushed with gold. Very attractive and very telling in a collection.

Tubers, \$5.00. Plants, \$2.50.

ISOLINE (Kahle). Paeony. This is a charming new paeony variety, in color an ivory white, with a yellow suffusion. Unlike most of the paeony varieties it has a splendid stem, the flowers are large and perfect formation. A vase of this variety is most attractive.

Tubers, \$5.00. Plants, \$2.50.

JUDGE MAREAN (Marean). Dec. Orange yellow and gold. Still a favorite.

Tubers, \$2.00. Plants, \$1.00.

MARIPOSA (Bessie Boston), Hy. Cactus. Very fine lavender pink.

Tubers, \$4.00. Plants, \$2.00.

MARGARET MASSON (Fisher & Masson). Dec. A splendid new variety that has made good; the flowers are very large, stems perfect and the color a beautiful silvery rose pink.

Tubers, \$5.00. Plants, \$2.50.

M. H. DeYOUNG (Bessie Boston). Dec. This is a splendid variety, stems, growth and color ideal. It is a pure old gold, with flowers large and well formed.

Tubers, \$7.50. Plants, \$4.00.

MEPHISTOPHELES (Marean). Hy. Dec. Vivid scarlet, sometimes tipped gold; very stout stems.

Tubers, \$3.00. Plants, \$1.50.

MERCEDES (B. Boston). Cactus. Hats off to the introducer of this fine variety. This is the first real English Cactus that I have seen that had really good stems, and we could do with a lot more of this kind. The flowers with me were of a good size and most attractive in color, being creamy yellow, suffused with pink, the reverse of the petals being an amber pink. Splendid for vase and basket work.

Plants Only, \$2.50.

MR. CROWLEY (Broomall). Dec. A bright glowing shade of salmon pink.

Tubers, \$3.00. Plants, \$1.50.

MRS. J. T. SCHEEPERS (Marean). Dec. Clear canary yellow, pink suffusion.

Tubers, \$3.00. Plants, \$1.50.

MRS. I. de VER WARNER (Marean). Dec. Cattleya color, large and very fine.

Tubers, \$1.50. Plants, 75c.

NICHU (B. Boston). Hy. Cactus. This is a splen-

did new yellow hybrid cactus from Bessie Boston; the flowers are large, of a good clear color and on fine stiff stems.

Plants Only, \$5.00.

PARADISE (Bessie Boston). Hy. Cactus. This is a splendid exhibition variety; the flowers are very large, and in color a creamy old rose, suffused with gold.

Tubers, \$3.00. Plants, \$1.50.

POP STEWART (Fisher & Masson). Dec. Rosy pink, shading to lilac pink; large flowers produced very freely; a fine clean grower and the stems are very stiff.

Tubers, \$5.00. Plants, \$2.50.

ROBERT TREAT (Muller). Dec. American beauty rose shade; very large perfect flowers; fine type of decorative. Stems very good.

Tubers, \$5.00. Plants, \$2.50.

SAGAMORE (Kirkby). Dec. This is a splendid variety either for exhibition or as a cut flower. It is a rich amber gold shading to the center with a warm salmon rose. It has a splendid formation and perfect stems.

Tubers, \$7.50. Plants, \$5.00.

SERENADE (B. Boston). Hy. Cactus. This is a new variety that I am very fond of. The color is entrancing, being an opalescent old rose, with a faint violet reverse. The flowers are large, and on splendid stems.

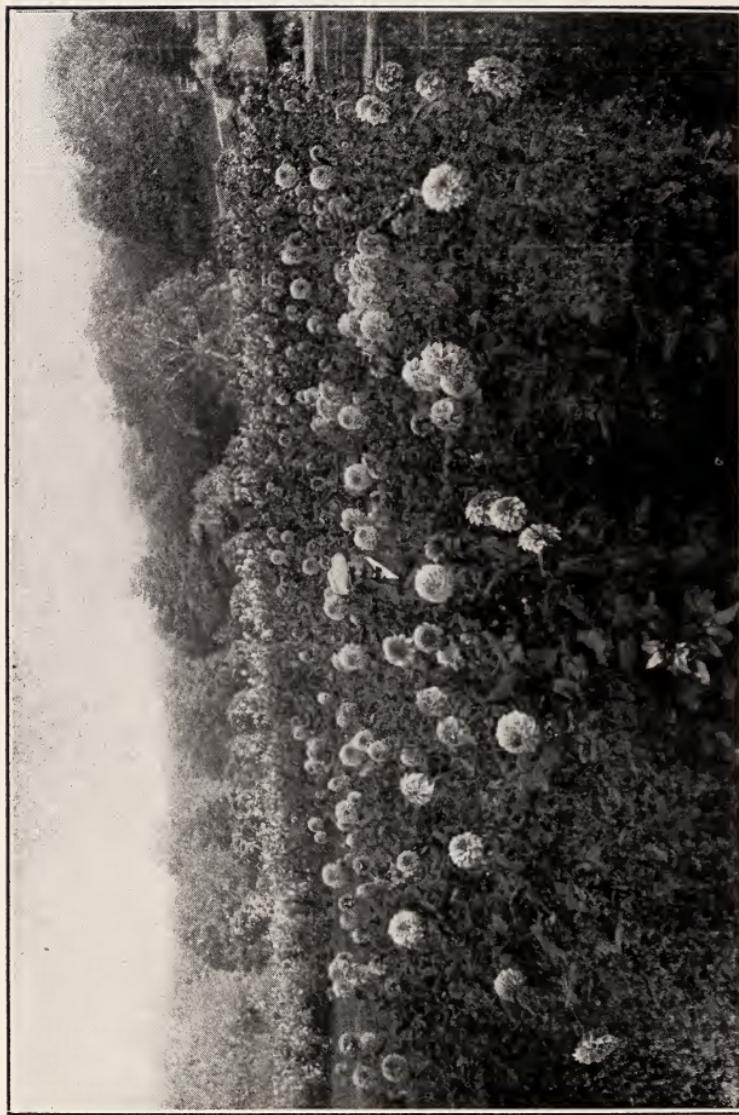
Plants Only, \$2.50.

SISKIYOU (Broomall). Hy. Cactus. One of the very largest Dahlias ever produced; the color is pinkish mauve, the stems are stiff and hold the large flowers erect.

Tubers, \$5.00. Plants, \$2.50.

THE BASHFUL GIANT (Marean). Dec. Apricot yellow, very large.

Tubers, \$3.00. Plants, \$1.50.



View in Waite's Gardens, showing luxuriant and healthy growth

THE EMPEROR (Marean). Dec. Maroon, very fine large flowers, good stems.

Tubers, \$1.50. Plants, 75c.

TRENTONIAN (Fisher & Masson). Dec. Large, perfect decorative, the color is in the brown tones; the flowers are of fine formation and produced in quantity on stiff stems.

Tubers, \$7.50. Plants, \$4.00.

WORLD'S BEST WHITE (Murphy). Dec. Splendid large flowered white; fine stems, good grower and free bloomer.

Tubers, \$5.00. Plants, \$2.50.

ZANTE (B. Boston). Hy. Cactus. Rich gold suffused apricot pink is the color the introducer gives this variety, but the color is beyond my poor descriptive powers; suffice it to say it is beautiful, and most attractive; a splendid all round variety just as attractive in the garden as in the exhibition hall.

Plants Only, \$5.00.

THE POMPON OR BOUQUET DAHLIA.

This splendid class of Dahlias is much in favor, they are so well suited for all kinds of decorative work.

They are exceeding floriferous, and make splendid border plants. In the following list will be found the very best, both for exhibition and garden work.

We only offer tubers of these, as we do not propagate green plants of this section.

	Each
Achilles , dainty pink	\$.30
Admiral Dot , tinged lavender and white .....	.50
Alewine , blush white tipped lavender .....	.30
Annie Doncaster , yellow base suffused pearly pink .....	.50
Ariel , buff, tinted orange .....	.25
Crimson Queen , deep rich lavender .....	.25
Daybreak , very fine light pink .....	.25
Dee Dee , a very dainty lavender	1.00
Dr. Jim , purple shaded white .....	.25
Elaine , pure white, very fine .....	.25
Eva , pure white, very fine form .....	.25
Gloria Wynne , royal purple, very small	1.25

Golden Queen , very fine rich yellow .....	.25
Helen Cottrell , baby pink .....	.50
Highland Mary , pink and white .....	.25
Joe Fette , a very small pure white .....	.50
Kleine Domata , orange buff .....	.25
Little Beauty , shrimp pink .....	.25
Little Beeswing , golden yellow tipped cherry red.	.50
Macbeth , white, edged pink .....	.50
Midget , salmon, shaded peach .....	.25
Neatness , salmon pink .....	.25
Nellie Broomhead , mauve on light ground	1.00
Omega , amethyst, tipped white .....	.75
Portia , deep mauve, shaded pink with light center	.50
Red Indian , deep coral red .....	.25
Rosea , deep rosy cerise .....	.25
Snowdrift , a very fine pure white .....	.25
Sunbeam , flaming crimson .....	.25
Tiny Tim , soft peach pink, very good	1.00
Zoe , clear yellow, sometimes tipped white25

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A book full of practical information, suitable for
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**The Florists' Exchange and Horticultural Trade
World gives it the following review:**

**THE LITTLE BOOK OF MODERN DAHLIA CUL-
TURE.**

This is unquestionably one of the best and most original of "The Little Book Series." Written by W. H. Waite, one of the most successful of Dahlia raisers in the East, it is notable for its straightforwardness and readable style. Beyond utilizing some previously published information on the chemistry of soils, which is acknowledged, this little volume is the result of Mr. Waite's practical experience. Moreover, while disclaiming any ability as a penman, he demonstrates that he can write entertainingly on an old subject and, at the same time, hand out information that is not generally known. Mr. Waite follows nothing and nobody; he expounds his views clearly and emphatically, not hesitating to directly oppose statements made by others. It is particularly refreshing to read his views regarding propagation from cuttings; incidentally, we have never seen the advocates of split roots come out with such a clear cut exposition of facts as does Mr. Waite for green plants.

The little book under notice, like all others of "The Little Book Series," is well bound in green cloth; it contains 126 pages including the pages at the back for record keeping, and is freely illustrated with splendid halftones, all from photographs taken by Mr.

Waite. Like a few other skilled gardeners we know of, Mr. Waite is an extremely proficient photographer of plants and flowers. The book also contains two colored plates, one showing a bloom of Jersey's Beauty, the most talked of Dahlia in recent years, and Mrs. Warnaar. In all there are 26 illustrations, showing various specimen flowers as well as demonstrating how to propagate, how to pack and how to exhibit at shows.

The book is divided into seven chapters, the last one giving, in the form of a summary, the salient points of the whole. Preparation of soils, and right here Mr. Waite shows his early training; propagation, details of culture, and a general discussion of the Dahlia as a flower for exhibitions, florists' use, garden decoration, etc., are special features of this excellent little book. It tells the would-be Dahlia grower all he wants to know, and even the grower who thinks he knows may derive some benefit by its perusal.

Waite's Dahlia Food

This is the fertilizer that I have been using for the past few years. It is a specially prepared and blended food, to give maximum results in the production of fine flowers and good tubers.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE.

Spread broadcast when preparing the ground in the Spring at the rate of 100 lbs. to 1,000 square feet and cultivate in.

When plants are about 1 ft. high, broadcast at the rate of 50 lbs. to 1000 square feet and cultivate in.

When plants are coming into bud, broadcast at the rate of 50 lbs. to 1000 square feet, rake and water it in.

Price: \$6.00 per 100-lb. bag; \$55.00 per $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton; \$100 per ton. F. O. B. Factory at Long Branch, N. J.

**W. H. WAITE
Rumson, New Jersey**

CULTIVATION OF DAHLIAS.

Dahlias are easily grown, requiring no special soil or treatment to bring them to perfection. They love an open sunny situation, but also succeed in partial shade.

Prepare the soil thoroughly by digging 12 to 18 inches deep in the fall, and then again in the spring before planting.

If the soil is poor, work in some well rotted manure in the fall and apply artificial fertilizer in the spring —100 pounds to 1000 square feet.

Dig holes three or even four feet apart and about six inches deep; drive a stout stake in each hole and lay the tuber down flat, with the crown towards the stake, and cover with two or three inches of soil, leaving the balance of the hole to be filled up later, after the plant comes up.

Plant any time between April 15th and June 15th, the later date being the best for exhibition flowers.

When the plants have made their third set of leaves, the top should be pinched out, to make them branch, allow only one plant to each stake.

The most important thing from now on is hoeing and cultivating, until the buds appear; this should be done at least every week, and after every rain. After the buds appear the ground should be mulched with rotted manure if possible, and a thorough watering should be given whenever the plants require it.

Disbudding the side buds, leaving only the terminal bud to develop, will bring larger blossoms.

After the plants have been blackened with the first frost they should be carefully dug, allowed to dry for a few hours, and stored in a dry cellar or basement and covered with dry sand or soil to keep them from shrivelling.

Divide the tubers in the spring, after the eyes show plainly, being careful that each tuber has a piece of the crown attached with an eye, cover them again and keep dry and cool until planted.

GREEN PLANTS.

As there has heretofore been some objection to green plants, I will say that I guarantee my plants to be strong, healthy, and get to the customer in good condition.

I, and many other growers of fine Dahlias, find from experience that green plants are better than tubers, as they are less liable to become diseased than roots.

and they will produce as good, if not better flowers, and also will produce nice healthy roots for the next year.

Dip the root of the plant in water before planting, plant at least six inches deep, filling the hole up gradually as the plant grows; it is best to set out the plants late in the afternoon or on a cloudy day, water them well when planting, and if the weather be hot and sunny, shade for a few days with twigs with leaves on them.

The after cultivation and care of the plants should be the same as for tubers.

WILSON'S O. K. PLANT SPRAY.

After experimenting with all kinds of insecticides, I have found Wilson's O. K. plant spray to be most effective in controlling the thrip and leaf hopper.

It is used at the rate of one part of O. K. to 15 parts of water. It is put up in cans of convenient sizes, with full directions on the label.

**Quart \$1.00, gallon \$3.00, 5 gallons \$10.00., F. O. B.
Springfield, N. J.**

